I can assure this House that there is no question of any change of policy whatsoever. Government generally and I myself are quite determined that it should not be the general policy of the Government to employ officers from outside the State. But the times are critical. If Hon'ble Members will look back to the days when the Police strike took place, they will remember that they were critical times when Cochin was in danger of bombardment and, invasion. When at a time like that the Police strike occurs as the Officer responsible to His Highness for law and order in the State it was necessary to make up one's mind and make it up quickly as to what action should be taken in order to ensure the safety and security of His Highness' subjects, and preserve law and order. Hon'ble Members will also realise that, apart from the Police strike there had been a heavy strain on officers of the police force in the months before, since, besides a rapid increase in the size of the force itself, police officers had to be borrowed for A. R. P. and for the Central Jail, as the only suitable officers available for that responsible work. In such critical circumstances, the House will realise that within our small Police Force—and we had not the means to extend it rapidly within the State—it was not possible to find all the officers required to meet the situation. So, in view of the emergencies, Madras officers were brought into the State. This is a time of crisis and we have to prepare ourselves. At times like this, neighbouring Governments have to help each other, as Travancore and Cochin are in regard to rice. An American is now the Commander-in-Chief of all the Australian Forces, not even a British Officer, but an officer from an entirely different nation altogether. As a temporary measure we may have to ask neighbouring friendly Governments to give us assistance. There is no question of change of settled principles or anything of that kind. These officers who have been brought from Madras will only be retained here as long as their services are absolutely essential for the preservation of law and order. The very day that Government are satisfied that the presence of these officers is no longer necessary, they will be sent back, and I hope with blessings, to their province.

We are, as you know, proposes to recruit some of the finest young men in the State and to send them to the Vellore School for training. They will, on their return strengthen the officer cadre of the Force. At this time, due to the extraordinary strain, these officers have been borrowed, purely as a temporary measure and not as a matter of policy at all. Our friends in the Madras Province, I may say, accepted our request with considerable reluctance. They came to our aid at this critical time and they were kind enough to send us their officers at a time when we wanted them. I would suggest that this House should be grateful to Madras for the help they gave us in time of need. I can assure the Hon'ble Mover of the motion that he need not have any fear that there is going to be a change of policy. In normal times, there is no question of borrowing officers from outside. There need be no fear on that account.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Cheruthuruthi)*: May I not take it Sir, by the explanation given by the Hon'ble President and I do not want to press the motion to a division. But I am not withdrawing it on the ground of or on a conviction of the arguments advanced by my Hon'ble friend for Mattancheri. I will be failing in my duty if I do not say that. I may also say if I did not say a word of tribute about the officers. It is only because it is not my habit. I had been in this House for the last 15 or 18 years and I do not think you would have found me even expressing about our own officers, and least of all to our gentlemen coming from outside. I may also assure my Hon'ble Friend the Member for Cranganur that he need not entertain any apprehension about any other motive that that of the affair of foreign people coming and lording over us in course of time. My friend will recollect—I think he has a good memory —that whenever there has been any importation from outside, this council has always protested and it had its effect. It is only in that spirit that I moved this motion and I beg leave of this House to withdraw the motion.

Motion, by leave, withdrawn

CUT MOTION No. 3

A general revision of the pay of the Police Sub-Inspectors, Head constables and Constables

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam)*: *To reduce the allotment of Rs. 13,275 for Police—Office Establishment by Rs. 2. To bring to the notice of the Government to effect a general revision of the pay of the Police Sub-Inspectors, Head constables and constables to the scales now existing in Malabar District.*

Mr. President: Cut motion No. 3 deals with the revision of pay. The revision of pay of the Head constables and constables is under the consideration of the Government.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam)*: The revision of pay of constables and Head constables alone are considered. The revision of pay of the Sub-Inspectors also should

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be considered. The arguments brought forward by the Hon'ble Member for Police is that our Police Sub-Inspectors need not be paid as much pay as the Sub-Inspectors of British India as the area under their charge is not as big as in British India. I can prove that the Police sub-division of Chowghat in British Malabar to the southern side of Kunnamkulam, the Police sub-division of Chalisseri in the same Taluk of Malabar to the north of Kunnamkulam are lesser in area and in population than the Kunnamkulam Police sub-division in our State. I have sufficient knowledge of these sub-divisions to give such a statement. The Chowghat sub-division has been grouped by 19 revenue villages and the Chalisseri sub-division by 17 revenue villages, while on the other hand the Police sub-division including Kunnamkulam town which has got a population of about 13,000 has 21 Revenue villages. So the population as well as the area will be larger than that of an Police sub-division especially that of Ponnani Taluk of which I have got intimate knowledge. We have come to realise that some Sub-Inspectors have been brought from British India into our State at least as a temporary measure. I would even welcome their importation provided that the same number of Sub-Inspectors are taken from here in exchange. For greater efficiency of the Police administration, such exchanges are good. I commend the motion for the acceptance of the House.

Khan Sahib Y. Muhammad Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police)* : Sir, I have explained this morning. The question has already been discussed whether or not there is any justification to undertake a revision of scale of pay of the Police force. Then the Hon'ble Member suggests that we must have an exchange of officers with the Madras Government. The difficulty in the case of exchange is we may not have qualified men.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam)* : It is a thing for the Government to consider seriously and the qualification of our Sub-Inspectors are equal to that of the Sub-Inspectors in the Madras Province. Anyhow I do not wish to press the motion to a division.

Motion, by leave, withdrawn

CUT MOTION No. 4

For shifting the Kandakkadavu Police Station to the original place at Andikkadavu

Mr. B. M. Peter *(Latin-Christians-Mattancheri)* : Sir, Though the cut motion is in Malayalam, I should like to speak in English.

The Hon'ble President left the Chair at 4-18 p.m. and Mr. K. Ayyappan, the Deputy President, took the Chair.

To reduce the allotment of Rs. 13,275 for Police office—Establishment by Re. 1.

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Sir, the object of my cut motion is to impress upon the Government the urgent need for shifting the Kandakkadavu Police Station to the original place at Andikkadavu.

Two buildings are lying idle there. There are two buildings at Andikkadavu, one building was used for the Police Station and the other was used as quarters. In 1102 if my memory is correct, there was a riot case and as a temporary measure this station was shifted to a rented building in Kandakkadavu in order to meet the emergency at that time. But that case is over and everything is alright. So, it will be a gain on the part of the Government if the station is shifted to the original place. So, I place this motion before the House for acceptance.

Khan Sahib Y. Muhammad Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police)* : There were two out-posts in that locality one at Andikkadavu and the other at Chellanam. Even 5 years ago the question was considered by the Government whether there was need for the existence of these two out-posts. The then Police Commissioner came to the conclusion that these two out-posts as such have no justification to exist. On the other hand, Government considered that a central place Kandakkadavu should have an out-post. Being a central place, it can serve both Chellanam and Andikkadavu. So in consideration of the advantage and economising the expenditure also Government placed this out-post at Kandakkadavu and after that they have not had grounds for a re-consideration. Now, the Hon'ble Member has suggested the possibility of occupying the old buildings and of shifting the out-post. The ground for decision is the need for the out-post, whether there is increase in the number of crimes there or whether criminals are living there and things like that. As I said this morning, I will go into this question and find out whether there are grounds for shifting this out-post from the new place to the old place.

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